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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UN, PO, NO, PU

SUBJ: RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU

REF: STATE 209863

1. DURING MEETING WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS VIBE ON NOVEMBER 5, DCM BRIEFED HIM ON THE SITUATION IN GUINEA-BISSAU PER EARLIER REQUEST FROM FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND FOR INFORMATION. DCM DREW IN PARTICULAR FROM THE FACTS AND ARGUMENTS CONTAINED REFTEL.

2. VIBE EXPLAINED THAT NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT IS TORN BETWEEN ITS SYMPATHY FOR GUINEA-BISSAU AND BELIEF THAT "LIBERATION FORCES" SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED THERE AND ITS CONCERN TO RESPECT THE CRITERIA FOLLOWED IN THE PAST IN ACCORDING RECOGNITION TO ANY STATE. HE  
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LITICAL CRITERIA ARE USED TO DETERMINE UN MEMBERSHIP. HE SAID IN CONCLUSION THAT NO DECISION HAD BEEN MADE EITHER WAY IN NORWAY AND HE UNDERSTOOD THIS WAS ALSO THE CASE IN OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES.

3. WHEN VIBE PLACED RENEWED STRESS ON THE DIFFICULTY NORWAY WOULD HAVE IN NOT RECOGNIZING GUINEA-BISSAU, DCM ASKED WHETHER HE IN FACT ANTICIPATED THAT RECOGNITION WOULD BE GRANTED. (IN A RECENT REPLY IN PARLIAMENT TO A QUESTION WHETHER NORWAY INTENDED TO RECOGNIZE GUINEA-BISSAU, FORMIN FRYDENLUND APPEARED TO BE LEANING TOWARD RECOGNITION: HE SAID THAT PORTUGAL HAD "COMMITTED A BREACH OF INTERNATIONAL LAW" AND NORWAY WOULD "ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE POLITICAL EVALUATION OF THIS CASE.") VIBE REITERATED THAT NO DECISION HAD YET BEEN TAKEN--BUT IN A TONE WHICH DID NOT BELIE OUR IMPRESSION THAT NORWAY IS INDEED LEANING TOWARD RECOGNITION. BYRNE

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